

Graphic design grad and Umbra co-founder wins 2000 Premier's Award

George Brown College graphic design diploma graduate and Umbra co-founder Paul Rowan won the 2000 Premier's Award in the Applied Arts: Creative Arts category.

The Premier's Awards is an annual provincial awards program which recognizes outstanding career success and community contributions made by Ontario's college graduates.

Rowan received a bronze medal, a certificate of achievement, as well as \$5,000 in the form of a bursary, to benefit a college of his choice. Rowan donated his prize money to The City College graphic design program. The presentation took place in February at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto.

When Rowan decided to enrol in the graphic design program in 1971, he had no idea what he was getting into. The George Brown program was recommended to him by a friend. "I didn't really know what graphic design was," Rowan says. "But I'd taken art in high school. And so I applied, was interviewed, and got into the program".

Rowan credits his instructors with teaching him the principles of graphic design. "The teachers were great," he says. "Within four months, I was freelancing. The training was excellent!"

After graduating from the College in 1973, Rowan worked as a freelance designer and for a publishing company before he and partner

Les Mandelbaum founded Umbra in 1979.

Rowan thinks it is a wonderful time to be part of the graphic design industry. "Students can focus and develop a specific talent," he says. "And with the internet and multimedia, there are lots of opportunities, both in Canada and internationally!"

Rowan was one of five George Brown College graduates nominated for a 2000 Premier's Award.

Susan Physick, a 1990 graduate of the Assaulted Women's and Children's Counselor/

Advocate Program was nominated in the Applied Arts: Community services category; Dr. Anthony Brissett, who completed the Dental Assisting (1986) and Nursing (1989) programs, was nominated in the Health Sciences category; Larry Popofsky who graduated from the Property Management program in 1978, was nominated in the Business category; and Moeen (Mo) Yousif, a 1984 graduate of the Electronics Engineering Technician program, was nominated in the Technology category.



Provincial Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Diane Cunningham presents Rowan with his award



George Brown College Premier's Award 2000 nominees (from left): Moeen (Mo) Yousif, Susan Physick, Larry Popofsky, Paul Rowan and Anthony Brissett

Web registration will be available this summer

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the Registrar's office.

Students are encouraged to check their mailboxes this summer for the new George Brown College web registration information package, including a personal web user name and password.

New Dean of Community Services & Health Sciences leads nursing into a new era

In an effort to deal with a major shortage of nurses in the province, Ontario nursing schools will more than double the number of graduates in their nursing programs over the next three years.

To address both the shortage and the changing face of healthcare in Ontario, The City College is launching a number of new and improved programs. In her role as Dean of Community and Health Services since September 2000, Pat Coward is co-ordinating this effort.

"There is an extreme shortage of healthcare workers," Coward said. "We have the opportunity to recruit new people into the field. To do this, we need to blend an excitement about the work with a realistic view of the healthcare working environment." Among the new initiatives in the division are the new collaborative baccalaureate nursing program which has the College partnered with Ryerson Polytechnic University and Centennial College, a four-year degree program in Behavioural Science slated to begin in 2003, and integrated, four-

year programs in Gerontology and Early Childhood Education, both with Ryerson, to begin in 2003, the year the double cohort of Ontario high school students will enter postsecondary programs.

Coward's preoccupation right now is coordinating George Brown's role in the new nursing program. Beginning in 2005, nurses in Ontario must have a bachelor's of science in nursing to practice. The four-year BScN will replace the three-year diploma program currently on offer at the College. The first BScN students will be admitted in September 2001.

Coward is confident that the collaborative baccalaureate program in nursing will work. Before joining George Brown College, she spent 14 years working in British Columbia where a large-scale collaborative program has been in effect since 1995. "It taught me that collaborative programs are possible, even with 17 partners," she said. Ultimately, Coward believes combining the college and university experience can only strengthen the nursing



profession. "It provides a powerful marriage of the practical, clinical experience found in the college with the theoretical aspects of research and exposure to the liberal arts found in the university."

This philosophy parallels Coward's career where she has consistently combined practical and clinical experience and theory. Having finished a three-year, hospital-based training program at Toronto General Hospital in 1968, she took a position as a paediatric nurse at Humber Memorial Hospital. Soon after, she enrolled in the BScN program at University of Toronto, continuing to work at Sick Children's Hospital and Thistletown Regional Centre. She began her teaching career at Georgian College in Barrie, Ontario in 1972 where she stayed until 1975.

Throughout the 1970s, Coward continued to teach until she enrolled in the Master's program at University of Alberta. Finishing the MSc in 1980, Coward decided to stay in Edmonton, where she met and married her husband, and continued to combine clinical and theoretical experience with a joint appointment as nursing supervisor and instructor and later as Director of Nursing at the

Royal Alexandra Hospital.

In 1986, Coward moved further west to join the Capital Health Region (CHR) in Victoria, BC. During her 14 years with CHR, Coward handled many projects including managing health records and serving three years as interim CEO. It was while she was working in Victoria that she heard about an international conference on nursing and computers, to be held in Dublin, Ireland in the fall of 1988. "Computers were rare in nursing then," she says.

She went to the conference and met Dr. Patricia Brennan, a nurse who had gone on to become an industrial engineer. "I went up to her and asked if we could go to a pub to talk about computers and nursing. By the end of the meal I said, 'I want to study with you!'" In 1989 Coward enrolled in a doctoral program in informatics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She completed her PhD in 1988.

In her spare time, Coward enjoys the ballet, the symphony, and opera. But her great passion is sea kayaking. Last summer she spent a week paddling around Tonga, a group of islands near New Zealand. This summer Coward plans to kayak the fjords of Norway.

Coward caught up with some old friends when she joined the City College. She and President Frank Sorochinsky had worked together in Victoria in the late 1980s. And Coward has previously worked with two of the College's nursing semester coordinators, Josie Loblaw and Janice Henty.

ECE Lab School Cook's group co-hosts cooks at workshop

The George Brown College Early Childhood Education (ECE) program hosted a workshop for childcare centre cooks on March 1.

More than 45 cooks took part in the event, organized by the ECE Lab School Cook's group. Participants had the opportunity to observe an aboriginal cooking demonstration by City

College Hospitality Professor David Wolfman and sessions included a review of the new health regulations and the Best Practices document for cooks. The day-long event also featured displays by a variety of suppliers and vendors, many of whom donated gifts and door prizes. Plans are already underway for next year's event.



MITTEN TREE PROJECT WARMS HANDS AND HEARTS! Children at Mramor Public School in Bosnia show off their new mittens, hats and scarves. The winter wear, part of last December's George Brown College Mitten Tree Project, was delivered by College faculty Zeenat Janmohamed and Lynn Wilson. Janmohamed and Wilson, who teach in the Faculty of Early Childhood Education, and Susan Howson of Ryerson University, travelled to Bosnia to train childcare centre workers.

Life Works Centre fundraiser a success

The gala fundraiser for the new Life Works Centre at George Brown College on March 6 was a success "to build on".

The event, co-ordinated by the Student Association, raised more than \$1,000. Tickets to the gala were \$25 with a "pay what you can" option for students.

"We hope to build on this," said Claire Birmingham, Student Services Manager, Student Association. The goal is to make this an annual event. "We also hope to have special events run by each of the Food Bank, LGBT Centre, Women's Centre and Access Centre each term," said Sharon Kamassah, Life Works Manager.

Fifty people attended the evening event that included a silent auction. Another 20

staff and students who could not attend bought tickets or made a donation. Items for the auction were donated by various Toronto businesses and restaurants.

The evening program also included a number of speakers and demonstrations. Gary Malkowski, of the Canadian Hearing Society, spoke on accessibility issues; Joni Shawana gave a demonstration of native drumming; Lynda Champagne of the Daily Bread Food Bank talked about students and hunger issues; and Steve Solomon, from the Toronto Board of Education, Human Sexuality Program, spoke about creating a safe space for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered (LGBT) people.

The Life Works Centre

facility, located on the St. James campus, includes:

- a Women's Centre;
- Food Banks, open to all students who are currently enrolled in the College;
- an LGBT Centre;
- free legal advice, from staff lawyer Bill Reid; he is available to advise students on family and criminal law, debt matters, immigration, tenancy and real estate issues, intellectual property, and problems with government agencies.
- the new "Suitables" program; it provides students with clothing for interviews and employment;
- and an Access Centre where students with disabilities can organize to overcome physical and learning barriers.

The Life Works Centre is open Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

Best men's basketball team in almost 25 years falls just short at OCAA championships

In their best finish since 1990/91, the men's basketball team fought back from a 26 point deficit but fell short against the Algonquin Thunder at the provincial championships in Ottawa.

This was George Brown's first trip to the provincial finals in a decade.

In a sudden death quarter-final, George Brown took on host Algonquin College on March 1. Algonquin led the Huskies for most of the game, pulling ahead by as much as 26 points. Showing their grit, the Huskies fought back, but could not close the gap and lost by a score of 95-84.

Two Huskies were named to the All-Star teams. Off guard Dion Horsford capped a great offensive season as he took three awards. Horsford, a second-year Community Services student, was the leading scorer in the Central Division, averaging 20.4 points per game over a 15-game regular season. He was also named to both the Canadian College Athletic Association All-Star Team and the tournament First All-Star Team.

Point guard Raymond Morgan also made the select team. Morgan, a second-year Computer Programming student, was named to the Second All-Star Team.

This is the best team George Brown has put together in almost 25 years. At one point in the season, the Huskies were the top ranked team in Canada. They finished the regular season with a record of nine wins and six losses and five of those six losses were by less than five points.

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Board of Governors - Support Staff member nominations being accepted until April 30

Nominations for the Support Staff Member of the Board of Governors are open until 5 pm, Monday April 30. Nomination packages are available from the campus managers' office.

The election campaign runs from Tuesday, May 1 to Tuesday, May 15, with voting taking place at polling booths on each of the campuses on Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17. Arrangements are being made for a travelling poll as well.

Crystal Apple Awards: New award recognizes excellent teaching at George Brown

The George Brown College Foundation Crystal Apple Awards recognize dedication and commitment to quality education. Established in 2001 to honour full-time teachers, the selection criteria includes: contributions to students' employment readiness; modelling life-long learning through service; and engaging students in learning relationships.

Each year, nine professors will receive cash awards and a token in recognition of their motivating and challenging students. The awards are divided into three categories: the Crystal Apple Award, Division Awards, and School Awards.

One outstanding professor will be selected from among the nominees to receive the Crystal Apple and \$5,000. One professor from each of the three remaining faculties will receive a Division Award, which includes a cash award of \$2,000. And five professors from the remaining Schools will each get a School Award and \$500.

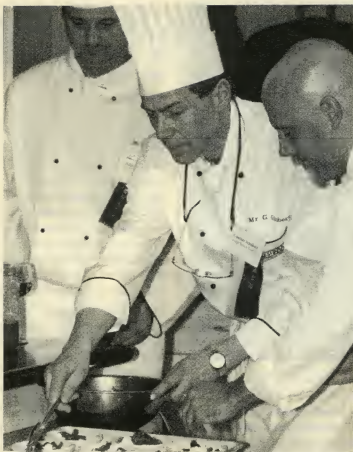
Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of three educational professionals from outside the College. Winners will be presented with their awards at the George Brown College Foundation Crystal Apple Awards Ceremony in late Spring. The awards were made possible by a gift from Paul C. Carder.

Wanted! Old computers that still work

We still need computers in working condition for the children of Ghana. As long as they are in working order, it does not matter how old they are. Please contact: Elaine Smith at (416) 415-2325. Surplus to us may mean a treasure to a child!

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A CHANCE TO CONNECT AND RECONNECT: The School of Hospitality and Tourism hosted a day-long series of demonstrations, tastings and industry panel discussions on April 3. (From left): George Brown faculty Peter Blakeman, Guenther Schubert and student Robin Riha help prepare goat cheese tarts in an afternoon demonstration.

Construction students' near sweep of annual competition

George Brown College students took eight of nine awards at the 2001 OIQS/OGCA Student Simulated Tender Competition.

City College teams swept the awards in the "Outstanding Professional Presentation of Bid and Back-up Documentation" category. The Dream Team (Antonio Barone, Joseph Cecchini Jr., Michael DiPietro, and Peter Terminesi) came in first while team Nautica Construction (Vincenzo DeGasperis, Richard Reale, Geoffrey Korn, Nelson Gomes, and James Zerafa Gregory) came second. Team Price Perfect (Yuen Lee,

Dion Duff, Matt Smith, Wayne Nivins, and Jeremiah Stinson) completed the sweep.

The City College also swept the "Outstanding Professional Conduct During the Bidding Process" category. The Lowhar Building Group team (Syed Bunyad, Krzysztof Ciesek, Christopher Ishmael, and Neilroy Lowhar) came in first. Price Perfect took second and Dream Team took third place.

Finally, Dream Team and Nautica Construction Ltd. were one-two in the "Closest to Target Bid Price" category.

Prizes will be presented at the Ontario Institute of Quantity Surveyors Annual General Meeting on May 26.